GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4392
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SALT LAND OF MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry de-facto has become nodal agency to handle the Salt Land of Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry with coordination of Maharashtra Government have made the security arrangements to safeguard the salt land;

(c) if so, whether the Department of IPP has passed on papers and authority to his Ministry;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether the Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai Municipal Corporation, Representative of people and local authorities have requested time and again to provide NOC for completion of approval road to cemetery at Mulund, Mumbai;

(f) if so, whether IPP has continued to interfere in the work of his Ministry of short out the Salt Land Problem of cemetery;

(g) if so, whether the Industrial Policy Ministry have commuted to Parliament in 2000 to do so;

(h) if so, whether the Union Government have given NOCfor the completion of said approach road to cemetery at Mulund, Mumbai; and

(i) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)to(d): The Government has taken a decision, in principle, for transfer of 2177 hectares of surplus salt pan land in Mumbai from the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion to the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

However, formal transfer of the land has not yet taken place. The security arrangement for safeguarding salt land is being ascertained from the Government of Maharashtra.
(e) to (i): Yes, Sir. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotionunder whose control the salt pan land remains at present have indicated that in reply to a Parliament Question onthe subject, they had stated that the Government are considering the request of State Government to make available the approach road for the composite cemetery. They have not given NOC so far.